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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit Report for the Air Force Sergeants Association for Fiscal Year 1998

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the Air Force Sergeants Association, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1998. The Association is a membership organization open primarily to current and retired Air Force enlisted personnel. The purposes of the association include helping to maintain a highly dedicated and professional corps of enlisted personnel, and supporting fair and equitable legislation and Department of Air Force policies.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 1102-1103 to

- present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,
- obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and
- submit the auditor's report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit report complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditor's report, and made inquiries to corporation officials or the auditor as we deemed necessary. We did not review the auditor's working papers. Our review disclosed no reportable instances of noncompliance.

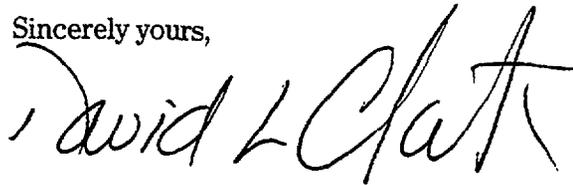
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The audit report included the auditor's opinion that the financial statements of the corporation were fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "C".

David L. Clark
Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

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